

# Putting The Pieces Together

## Strengthening Partnerships Among Communities in Georgia

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### White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiative

One of President Bush's first official acts was to create the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives. The Office was tasked with leading a "determined attack on need," by strengthening and expanding the role of faith-based and community organizations in addressing the nation's social problems. The President envisions a faith-friendly public arena where faith-based organizations can compete equally with other groups to provide government or privately-funded services.

President Bush also created Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in seven cabinet departments - the Departments of Justice, Agriculture, Labor, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, and Education and the Agency for International Development - to promote the Initiative.

#### Activities of the White House Office

- Working legislatively to encourage the good works of faith-based and community organizations and give them the fullest opportunity permitted by law to compete for Federal funding
- Identifying and eliminating improper Federal barriers to the full participation of faith-based and community-serving programs in the provision of social services
- Encouraging greater corporate and philanthropic support for faith-based and community organizations through public education and outreach activities

#### Priority Areas

The White House Office strives to support organizations that serve people in need, particularly those that serve the following populations:

- At-risk youth
- Ex-offenders
- Homeless and hungry
- Substance abusers
- Those with HIV/AIDS
- Welfare-to-work families

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### Movers and Shakers: Apostle David (Doctor) David Lay, D.D.

Apostle (Doctor) David Lay serves as a Spiritual Health Educator for the Morehouse School of Medicine's IMANI Project. The IMANI Project, through funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), provides HIV/AIDS and substance abuse education and prevention services to youth ages 9-22, faith based leaders, and the other members of the Bankhead and Bowen Home communities of Atlanta. In addition to assisting with these services, Dr. Lay is a certified American Red Cross HIV/AIDS instructor and also volunteers his time at several local services providers including AIDS Survival Project, Our Common Welfare and AID Atlanta, and he has been an active participant in the annual African American Outreach Initiative. Although he stays busy, he still finds time to serve as founder and director of Matrix Concepts for HIV/AIDS, a program providing HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment education individuals in the metropolitan Atlanta area.

Dr. Lay also works with several organizations nationwide: he serves on the Executive Board of Directors for HIV Anonymous, Inc., conducts public speaking engagements, and continues to advocate for better education, prevention and care for individuals infected or affected by HIV/AIDS.

For additional information about the services of Matrix Concepts for HIV/AIDS Initiative, contact Dr. Lay at (678) 234-5769.

## Calendar of Events for Planning Meetings and Community Activities



April 2004

### **Savannah Regional Minority Health Network Meeting- April 1, 2004**

Savannah State University, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Contact: Tewana LeCounte-Young @ (912) 303-4349

### **Resource Development and Management Training Conference – April 20-21, 2004**

Pettigrew Center, Fort Valley State University

Theme: “Focused Visions and Solutions for Us”

For additional information about conference contact:

Mary Love Sanford @ (478) 825-6574

### **GRACE -Georgia’s Response to Health Disparities by Addressing Cultural Competence and Equity in Healthcare Symposium – April 28, 2004**

Loudermilk Center, Atlanta, GA, 8:00am to 5:00pm

For additional information about symposium contact:

Kristal Ammons @ (404) 463-3450

May 2004

### **Georgia Community Planning Group Meeting- May 10, 2004**

Macon Holiday Inn/Conference Center, 8:00am to 5:00pm

Contact: LaTasha King @ (404) 463-5136

### **Aligning Faith and Health Conference – May 12-14, 2004**

Gordon College, Barnesville, GA

Theme: “Seasons of Opportunities”

For additional information about conference visit:

[www.threeriversahec.org/healthfaith04.htm](http://www.threeriversahec.org/healthfaith04.htm)

### **HIV/AIDS TAKE Project Advisory Committee (TPAC) Meeting – May 19, 2004**

Pettigrew Center, Fort Valley State University

Contact: Jeffery Roman, TAKE Project Program Associate @ (404) 463-2289

### **Ryan White Title I Planning Council Meeting - May 20, 2004**

Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness, 9:00am

Contact: Vanessa Strong @ (404) 730-8239

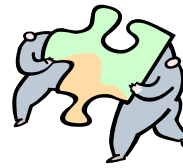
June 2004

### **2004 HIV Prevention Leadership Summit – June 16-19, 2004**

Omni Hotel at CNN Center, Atlanta, GA

Theme: “Retooling to Maximize the Power of Prevention”

For additional information about conference visit: [www.nmac.org](http://www.nmac.org)



## **Federal Agency Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

### **Department of Health and Human Services**

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## **The Balm In Gilead, Inc: Capacity Building Services for Faith Based Organizations**

The Balm In Gilead is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization with an international mission to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS throughout the African Diaspora by building the capacity of faith communities to provide HIV/AIDS education and support networks for all people living and affected by HIV/AIDS. Because of the Balm In Gilead's pioneering achievements thousands of churches have become leaders in preventing HIV by providing comprehensive educational programs and offering compassionate support to encourage those infected to seek and maintain treatment.

### **Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Programs:**

- The Black Church Week of Prayer – Weeklong observance of prayers for the eradication of HIV/AIDS among African peoples everywhere, beginning on the first Sunday in March.
- African American Church HIV/AIDS Capacity Building Training
- Black Church HIV/AIDS Institute
- National Certification and Capacity Building Conference
- The Faith-Based HIV/AIDS National Technical Assistance Center
- Our Church Lights the Way
- Africa HIV/AIDS Faith Initiative
- Community Planning Initiative

For additional information on these programs please visit: [www.balmingilead.org](http://www.balmingilead.org) or call (888) 225-6243.

## News You Can Use

### Weblink of the Quarter:

**Guidance to Faith-Based and Community Organizations on Partnering with the Federal Government**  
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/government/fbci/guidance/index.html>

### Don't forget to fill out those surveys!

For those of you who have a working relationship with the TAKE Project, you will be receiving a survey and phone call from the project's evaluators, Evaluation Research Associates, Inc. Our evaluators will need your assistance to help evaluate our efforts throughout the State. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact the staff directly.

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### Fort Valley State University: Faith Based Support Services Center

Fort Valley State University Faith-Based Support Services Center was established during the Spring Semester 2003, to strengthen the relationship between the University and the faith-based communities in the middle Georgia area and across the state. The University is located in what is often referred to as "the Bible Belt," and the student body is composed of many ethnic groups and cultures who reach out to connect with churches, mosques, and worship centers. Therefore, the FVSU Faith-Based Support Services Center:

- Partners with community faith-based organizations by sponsoring/facilitating faith seminars, workshops and spiritual enrichment activities
- Sponsors health education/awareness technical assistance training regarding HIV/AIDS, as well as other health problems, such as child and juvenile obesity, diabetes, hypertension and cardio-vascular diseases.
- Sponsors motivational and inspirational programs (speakers, forums, concerts, etc.)

The Center also provides technical assistance to faith and community based organizations providing HIV/AIDS services in the Middle Georgia region of the state through the HIV/AIDS TAKE Project Regional Minority Health Network initiative.

To obtain additional information about the Fort Valley's Faith Based Support Services Center visit: [www.fvsu.edu](http://www.fvsu.edu) and click on the Student Information link, or contact the center directly at (478) 825-6229.

### Regional Minority Health Network Symposium

The Georgia HIV/AIDS TAKE Project's Regional Minority Health Network Symposium has been tentatively scheduled for June 24-25, 2004 in Savannah, Georgia, at the Savannah DeSoto Hilton. The forum will develop strategies to get minority communities in HIV prevention/care to make decisions and do strategic planning. The event will provide an opportunity for members of all the regional areas to network, exchange lessons learned and to highlight progress. Some possible topics include:

- Retention of members and sustaining the network
- Making the process work for you
- Prioritizing needs
- Ryan White/Community Planning
- Rural vs. Metro. – Similarities and Differences

For additional information about the symposium contact Jeffery Roman @ (404) 463-2289.





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### **White House Conferences on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives**

The White House Conferences on Faith-Based and Community Initiatives provide participants with information about the Federal funding process, available funding opportunities, the requirements that come with the receipt of Federal funds, and cutting-edge practices from other organizations. The White House is hosting the Conferences with support from the Departments mentioned above.

**Internet Resources** - The White House Office has put together a list of close to 200 Federal programs that your organization may be interested in. You can use this list, which is available at [www.fbc.gov](http://www.fbc.gov), as a starting point for learning more about specific programs. The Agency Centers' websites contain more information about specific initiatives and programs administered by their Departments.

**Legal Guidance** - The White House Office website also offers some guidelines on the legal requirements that can come along with Federal funding. These "dos and don'ts" answer some of the questions that faith-based and community groups most frequently ask.

**Compassion Capital Fund** - Assistance may also be available from one of over thirty organizations funded by the Department of Health and Human Services' Compassion Capital Fund. These intermediary organizations have received grants to provide training, technical assistance, and sub-awards to a diverse range of faith-based and community organizations seeking to increase their ability to provide social services to those in need. Technical assistance activities are offered free of charge and focus on strategic planning, financial management, board development, fundraising, and outcome measurement. You can learn more about the Compassion Capital Fund at [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ccf).

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